

suspending line is inhibited from accidentally being shifted. Further, the suspending member has enhanced external appearance.

According to claim 3, there is provided an invention of a packing material comprising a lengthy, liquid-permeable sheet and a suspending member having a tag and a suspending line of one end, a first middle portion, a second middle portion and the other end, one end being fixed to the tag, the first middle portion being wound on the tag, and the tag and the other end being fixed to the sheet whereby the second middle portion crosses over the sheet.

In this invention, the suspending member is attached to the sheet by fixing the tag and the other end of the suspending line to the sheet. Therefore, forming the sheet in a bag form will provide a package of tea-bag form with the suspending line.

In accordance with the invention, the suspending line can have a sufficiently long length because a middle portion of the suspending line is wound on the tag. Further, because the suspending line is wound on the tag, there is no need for winding the suspending line on a so-formed bag body. Therefore, the package has good external appearance.

According to claim 4, there is provided an invention of a packing material according to claim 3, in which the tag has a notch part tapered off, and the first middle portion

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of the suspending line is wound in the notch part of the tag.

In this invention, the suspending line is wound stably on the tag because a middle portion of the suspending line is wound in the notch part of the tag. Further, the suspending line is not accidentally gotten out of the tag, whereby the sheet has enhanced external appearance.

According to claim 5, there is provided an invention of a package comprising a bag body and a suspending member having a tag and a suspending line, the bag body being formed of a packing material to a given shape, the suspending line having one end fixed to the tag, a middle portion being wound on the tag, and the tag and the other end being fixed to the outer surface.

In this invention, there is provided a package with the suspending member because the tag and the other end of the suspending line are fixed to the outer surface of the bag body. Accordingly, extraction can be done under conditions where the bag body is being suspended by the suspending line.

In the invention, the suspending line can have a sufficiently long length because a middle portion of the suspending line is wound on the tag. Therefore, when extracting, there is no chance of the suspending line and the tag being fallen into a vessel. That is, sanitary extraction can be done. Further, winding operation of the suspending line on the tag is easier than that of the suspending

line on the bag body. The package can be manufactured by a process, which require no large change over the existing process. Namely, the package can easily be manufactured. The resultant package is not deteriorated in external appearance because the suspending line is not being wound on the tag.

According to claim 6, there is provided an invention of a package according to claim 5, in which the tag has a notch part tapered off, and the middle portion of the line is wound on the notch part of the tag.

In this invention, the suspending line is wound stably on the tag because a middle portion of the suspending line is wound in the notch part of the tag. Further, the suspending line is not accidentally gotten out of the tag, whereby the package has enhanced external appearance.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The invention will be described below in detail with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a suspending member according to an embodiment of the present invention;

Figure 2 is a plan view of a packing material according to an embodiment of the present invention,

Figures 3(a) to (c) are plan views illustrating an exemplary process for producing a packing material,